

I understand there is an effort to restrict any "locally oriented" offerings by satellite radio. While I personally do not use such services, and find them to be redundant, I strenuously object to any artificial means to prevent them. Let the free market be just that - free.

I am reminded of related past issues regarding satellite TV and local offerings. Clearly, local stations have not been unfairly harmed in that instance - and it seems equally clear that terrestrial radio will also not be harmed by locally oriented services on satellite radio - if the terrestrial stations have a desired product. If they do not, well, that is still not a reason for artificial restriction.

We have chosen a free market system - let's keep it just that way!